

Extra Reading

Reading about Firefighters

A Read the passage. Are the sentences below true (T) or false (F)? Find evidence in the text to support your answers.

Firefighters

Firefighters are brave men and women who risk their lives to rescue others. But not every day in a firefighter's life includes daring and dangerous rescues. They also rescue people from situations which are not life-threatening.

Because they have got the equipment and training to rescue people from hard-to-reach spots, firefighters are often called to evacuate people from rooftops or locked rooms. Firefighters have also helped animals. Many firefighters have rescued cats from treetops. But what about rescuing a drunk man from a tree? Gary Carter climbed up into the high branches of a tree where he fell asleep. It took a team of firefighters to get him down.

Some rescues are quite embarrassing for the people involved. There was a lady whose arm got stuck in the toilet while she was trying to retrieve the ring she had dropped there. The firefighters had to break the toilet to release her arm.

People respect the important and often risky work that firefighters do, but no one understands and admires this job more than the firefighters' families. As a result, many children of firefighters follow in their parents' footsteps, and joining the family of firefighters often becomes a family tradition.

- F** 1. A firefighter's job is always dangerous.
But not every day in a firefighter's life includes daring and dangerous rescues.
- T** 2. It took more than one firefighter to rescue Gary Carter.
It took a team of firefighters to get him down.
- F** 3. Firefighters caused no damage when they rescued a lady whose hand was stuck in the toilet.
The firefighters had to break the toilet to release her arm.
- T** 4. It is not unusual for the children of firefighters to do the same work as their parents.
Many children of firefighters follow in their parents' footsteps.

B Answer the questions.

1. Why do firefighters succeed in rescuing people in hard-to-reach spots?
They have got the equipment and training.
2. What has Gary Carter got in common with cats?
They have both been rescued by firefighters from treetops.

C Find the underlined pronouns in the text and decide who they refer to.

1. their firefighters 2. they firefighters 3. he Gary Carter 4. her the lady

D Find words in the text that mean:

1. group (line 8) team
2. free (line 11) release
3. dangerous (line 12) risky

Extra Listening

Tornado Chasers

You are going to hear a discussion about tornadoes. Listen and answer the questions.

- Mary Kipling is a
☐ a. tornado victim
☒ b. tornado chaser
☐ c. weather reporter
- What is NOT a typical sign of a tornado on the way?
☐ a. clouds like an inverted pyramid
☐ b. lightning
☒ c. warm wind
- As a child, Mary
☐ a. loved tornadoes
☒ b. feared tornadoes
☐ c. chased tornadoes
- During a tornado, you should
☐ a. stay in the elevator
☐ b. stay near a window
☒ c. remain in a low place
- How did Mary become interested in tornado chasing?
☐ a. She saw photos of amazing tornadoes.
☒ b. She went on a chase.
☐ c. She was once hurt in a tornado.
- Most tornadoes occur
☐ a. in the morning
☐ b. about 2.00 pm
☒ c. in the late afternoon
- When Mary chases tornadoes, she goes
☐ a. with many people
☒ b. alone
☐ c. with a few people
- Each year, Mary photographs
☐ a. many tornadoes
☐ b. about thirty tornadoes
☒ c. just a few tornadoes
- The announcer, Tim Jones, is nervous because
☒ a. the clouds are forming a funnel
☐ b. the wind is very strong
☐ c. there is a lot of lightning
- Mary tells Tim that they're
☐ a. in danger
☒ b. safe
☐ c. late

